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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on 14 June 2005.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gotanda et al. (US 6,707,570).
5. Regarding Claim 1, Gotanda et al disclose a method for selecting a printing site for a print job based on a schedule, comprising the steps of: receiving a print job defining a start time (print starting time) (col. 12, lines 7-9) (print job starts when a print instruction from the host computer 1 is transmitted to the image ordering and printing apparatus 2) (col. 12, lines 28-30); receiving a schedule including time periods linked to locations (destination of the user and time of arrival) (col. 7, lines 4-7); comparing the start time with the time periods to identify a location having a linked time period

corresponding to the start time (print at destination) (col. 8, lines 10-14); and selecting a printer that corresponds to the identified location (arrival point determined from the read boarding ticket information) (col. 9, lines 34-43).

6. Regarding Claim 2, Gotanda et al disclose a method where the time periods correspond to appointments scheduled for a user from whom the print job is received, and where the time periods include a pre-appointment interval (print starting time later than print completion time) (col. 12, lines 7-11).

7. Regarding Claim 3, Gotanda et al disclose a method where the time periods correspond to appointments scheduled for a user from whom the print job is received, and where the time periods include a peri-appointment time interval (print starting time earlier than print completion time) (col. 12, lines 12-19).

8. Regarding Claim 4, Gotanda et al disclose a method where the start time is current time (print here) (col. 8, lines 1-9).

9. Regarding Claim 5, Gotanda et al disclose a method further including requesting a confirmation of the printer (when image ordering and printing apparatus 2 receives the data representing the pick-up time, this time is displayed on the display unit 12) (col. 10, lines 4-8)

10. Regarding Claim 6, Gotanda et al disclose a method where correspondence between the printer and the identified location is based on proximity ((airport B) pint of arrival) (Fig. 1).

11. Regarding Claim 7, Gotanda et al disclose a method where selecting is performed based on a printer-location table that ranks a plurality of printers based on

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relative proximity to the identified location (Fig. 13) (management table of the print ordering apparatus) (col. 7, lines 15-59).

12. Regarding Claim 8, Gotanda et al disclose a system for selecting a printing site for a print job based on a schedule, comprising: a plurality of printers that correspond to locations linked to time period in a schedule (image ordering and printing apparatus 2); and a processor operatively linked to the plurality of printers (host computer 1) and, adapted to receive a print job that defines a start time (print starting time) (col. 12, lines 7-9) (print job starts when a print instruction from the host computer 1 is transmitted to the image ordering and printing apparatus 2) (col. 12, lines 28-30), to compare start time with the time periods to identify a location having a linked time period in the schedule corresponding to the start time (print at destination) (col. 8, lines 10-14), and to select a printer corresponding to the identified location arrival point determined from the read boarding ticket information) (col. 9, lines 34-43).

13. Claims 9 and 15 are rejected for the same reason as claim 2.

14. Claims 10 and 16 are rejected for the same reason as claim 3.

15. Claims 11 and 17 are rejected for the same reason as claim 4.

16. Regarding Claim 12, Gotanda et al disclose a system where the process is adapted to offer a default printer in the confirmation request, as an alternative (arrival point determined from the read boarding-ticket information) (col. 9, lines 34-40).

17. Claims 13 and 18 are rejected for the same reason as claim 5.

18. Claim 14 is rejected for the same reason as claim 1.

19. Claim 19 is rejected for the same reason as claim 6.

20. Claim 20 is rejected for the same reason as claim 7.

Conclusion

21. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satwant K. Singh whose telephone number is (571) 272-7468. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A. Williams can be reached on (571) 272-7471. The fax phone

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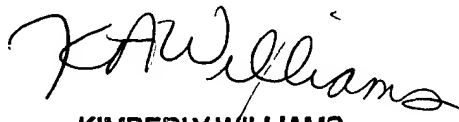
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